

Student Winner to Receive Roundtrip Tickets to Washington, D.C.

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Chicago, IL --- Today, Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) announced that entries are being accepted for the 2008 Congressional Art Competition. Each year, the competition spotlights the artistic achievements of youth throughout the Fourth Congressional District.

"This competition recognizes the rich artistic talents of the students in our community and represents an important part of encouraging and enriching our youth's artistic abilities," said Gutierrez. "I look forward to seeing what our young minds will express through their art."

Entries are due no later than **Monday, April 28, 2008**, at 2201 W. North Avenue, Chicago. Participants are limited to students residing in the Fourth Congressional District.

Participants will be recognized at an Art Exhibition held in Congressman Gutierrez' district office at 2201 West North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60647 on **Friday, May 2, 2008** from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

In addition, Southwest Airlines will provide the winner with three roundtrip tickets to Washington, D.C., so that he or she may participate in the official ceremony that will take place in the U.S. Congress on **Wednesday, June 25, 2008**.

Any qualified student interested in participating is encouraged to contact Noemi Galvez at (773) 342-0774.

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